

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the acts of: ~~The method defined in claim 1 further comprises:~~
 - (A) receiving at least one durable good parameter that is associated with a transaction of selling a durable good at a future date, in which the durable good comprises selected from the group consisting of at least one of an automobile, a water craft, an aircraft, and a home appliance;
 - (B) generating a durable good futures contract order based on the durable good parameter;
 - (C) storing the generated durable good futures contract order in a database with a plurality of other durable good futures contract orders;
 - (D) receiving a query comprising at least one durable good query parameter;
 - (E) transmitting a plurality of durable good futures contract orders in response to satisfying the query, in which each transmitted durable good futures contract order comprises at least one parameter that matches at least one query parameter; and
 - (F) executing a durable good futures contract trader agreement, in response to a user's selection of a durable good futures contract order from a plurality of durable good futures contract orders.
3. (Currently Amended) The method defined in claim [[1]] 2 wherein the act (A) further comprises receiving parameters related to one of:
 - (1) a category field,
 - (2) a durable good details field,
 - (3) a future contract period field, and
 - (4) a search query field.

4. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 3 wherein the act (A)(1) comprises:

receiving a designation of one of the following categories for the durable good: an automobile, a water craft, an aircraft, and a home appliance.

5. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 3 wherein the act (A)(2) comprises:

receiving a definition for the durable good, a price for the durable good, and specifications for the durable good.

6. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 3 wherein act (A)(3) comprises:

- (i) receiving a transfer of ownership date; and
- (ii) receiving an expiration date.

7. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 6 wherein the act (A)(3)(i) comprises:

receiving the date in which ownership of the durable good is available.

8. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 6 wherein the act (A)(3)(ii) further comprises:

receiving the date in which the durable good futures contract expires.

9-37. (Cancelled).

38. (Currently Amended) A system comprising: ~~The system defined in claim 37~~
~~further comprises:~~

a user computer configured to:

(A) receive at least one durable good parameter that is associated with a transaction of selling a durable good at a future date, in which the durable good

comprises selected from the group consisting of at least one of an automobile, a water craft, an aircraft, and a home appliance;

(B) generate a durable good futures contract order based on the durable good parameter;

(C) store the generated durable good futures contract order in a database with a plurality of other durable good futures contract orders;

(D) receive a query comprising at least one durable good query parameter;

(E) transmit a plurality of durable good futures contract orders in response to satisfying the query, in which each transmitted durable good futures contract order comprises at least one parameter that matches at least one query parameter;
and

(F) execute a durable good futures contract trader agreement, in response to a user's selection of a durable good futures contract order from a plurality of durable good futures contract orders.

39. (Currently Amended) The system defined in claim [[37]] 38 wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A) is further configured to receive durable good parameters related to one of:

- (1) a category field,
- (2) a durable good details field,
- (3) a future contract period field, and
- (4) a search query field.

40. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 39 wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A)(1) further comprises providing a seller with an ability to designate one of the following categories for the durable good: an automobile, a water craft, an aircraft, and a home appliance.

41. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 39 wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A)(2) further comprises providing a seller with an ability to

define a name for the durable good, a price for the durable good, and specifications for the durable good.

42. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 39 wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A)(3) further comprises providing a seller with an ability to define a transfer of ownership date and an expiration date.

43. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the transfer of ownership date indicates the date in which ownership of the durable good is available.

44. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the expiration date indicates the date in which the durable good futures contract expires.

45-72. (Cancelled.)

74. (Currently Amended) The method defined in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, in which the durable good parameters are received through a trading interface, the trading interface comprising at least one form element for a user to specify durable good parameters and at least one button selectable for submitting at least one durable good parameter.

75. (Currently Amended) The method defined in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the futures contract trade agreement comprises at least one durable good future contract offer that has been accepted by the trader.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, in which the durable good is sold at the future date.

77. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 3, wherein the act (A)(4) comprises:

defining durable good terms.

78. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 further comprises defining any term found in a durable good name.
79. (Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 77 further comprises defining any term found in a durable good specification.
80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2, in which the transaction comprises purchasing or selling the durable good at the future date.
81. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2, in which the database is accessible by at least one trader.
82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2, in which the act (E) further comprises:
searching the database for durable good futures contract orders based on at least one durable good query parameter.
83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 2, in which the act (E) further comprises:
listing at least one durable good futures contract order that comprises at least one parameter that matches at least one durable good query parameter.
84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprises:
transmitting information pertaining to at least one transmitted durable good futures contract order in response to the user's inquiry.
85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprises:
comparing at least two transmitted durable good futures contract orders in response to the user's inquiry.

86. (Currently Amended) The system defined in claim ~~[[37]]~~ 38, in which the durable good parameters are received through a trading interface, the trading interface comprising at least one form element for a user to specify durable good parameters and at least one button selectable for submitting at least one durable good parameter.

87. (Currently Amended) The system defined in claim ~~[[37]]~~ 38, wherein the futures contract trade agreement comprises at least one durable good future contract offer that has been accepted by the trader.

88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, in which the durable good is sold at the future date.

89. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 39, wherein the user computer configured to perform the act (A)(4) is further configured to:
define durable good terms.

90. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 89, in which the user computer is further configured to:
define any term found in a durable good name.

91. (Previously Presented) The system defined in claim 89, in which the user computer is further configured to:
define any term found in a durable good specification.

92. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 38, in which the transaction comprises purchasing or
selling the durable good at the future date.

93. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 38, in which the database is accessible by at least one trader.

94. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 38, in which the futures market server configured to perform the act (E) is further configured to:

search the database for durable good futures contract orders based on at least one durable good query parameter.

95. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 38, in which the futures market server configured to perform the act (E) is further configured to:

list at least one durable good futures contract order that comprises at least one parameter that matches at least one durable good query parameter.

96. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 95, in which the futures market server is further configured to:

transmit information pertaining to at least one transmitted durable good futures contract order in response to the user's inquiry.

97. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 95, in which the futures market server is further configured to:

compare at least two transmitted durable good futures contract orders in response to the user's inquiry.